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 Application No. 10/551542 Confirmation No. 4332
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 For: FUNNEL BLOCKING APPARATUS AND METHODS OF
 USE

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response.

Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition For Extension Of Time

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$1,110.00.
 Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that a further extension is deemed necessary, please consider this to be a conditional petition for a further extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0913 for the appropriate petition fee.

No additional claim fee is required.

Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

FEES:				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
TOTAL	MINUS	49	= 0	x \$26=	\$	x \$52=	\$
INDEPENDENT	MINUS	8	= 0	x \$110=	\$	x \$220=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM				+ \$195=	\$	+ \$390=	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136					\$ 0.00		\$1,110.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: RCE					\$		\$ 810.00
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$ 1,920.00

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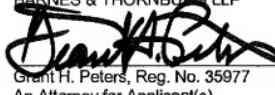
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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